

Air Resources Board

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Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D. Chairman

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To: All Interested Parties

Dear Sir or Madam:

Staff of the California Air Resources Board's (ARB) Monitoring and Laboratory Division has been investigating the feasibility of reducing evaporative and permeation emissions from off-road equipment and fuel-tanks. Additionally, staff of the ARB's Mobile Source Control Division has been separately investigating the feasibility of further reducing exhaust emissions from off-road equipment. After further review, and at the request of industry, a decision has been made to jointly develop a control measure to reduce evaporative, permeation, and exhaust emissions in the small off-road engine (SORE) category. This control measure is tentatively scheduled for consideration by the Air Resources Boards at a public hearing in late 2002. Notification of that public hearing will be sent separately 45 days prior to the hearing date.

As staff develop the control measure, we will schedule additional public workshops to share information and request input from stakeholders and other interested parties.

We encourage industry and other interested parties to contact us. If you have questions or need further assistance regarding exhaust emissions from this category, please contact Jackie Lourenco at (626) 575-6676 or via e-mail at jlourenco@arb.ca.gov. Questions or comments regarding permeation or evaporative emissions may be directed to James Watson at (916) 327-1282 or via e-mail at jwatson@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

George Lew, Chief Engineering and Certification Branch Monitoring and Laboratory Division

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: http://www.arb.ca.gov.